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SUBJECT: DANISH VIEWS ON TROOP REDUCTION IN CYPRUS

REF: COPENHAGEN 1259

1. DURING A DISCUSSION ON OTHER SUBJECTS MAY 30, DCM ASKED MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR BORCH ABOUT PRESS REPORTS THAT FORMER FONMIN K. B. ANDERSEN HAD COME OUT AGAINST THE DANISH PROPOSAL TO WITHDRAW ITS CONTINGENT FROM THE UN FORCE ON CYPRUS. BORCH REPLIED THAT THE PRESS REPORTS WERE CORRECT. ANDERSEN HAD SPOKEN DURING A MEETING OF THE PARLIAMENTARY FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND HAD RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. AS BORCH UNDERSTOOD IT, ANDERSEN'S OBJECTION WAS LARGELY FOUNDED ON A QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE, I.E., HE WANTED TO BE CERTAIN THAT IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT DENMARK WOULD FULFILL ITS COMMITMENT TO THE UN IN THIS REGARD.

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2. BORCH COMMENTED THAT ANDERSEN'S OBJECTION HAS

INTRODUCED A NEW ELEMENT IN THE GOVT'S THINKING ON THIS ISSUE. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS A GENERAL FEELING IN COPENHAGEN THAT THE SITUATION HAD CHANGED SOMEWHAT SINCE FONMIN GULDBERG HAD ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION IN A SPEECH TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN OCTOBER. AT THAT TIME THE DANISH MOVE HAD BEEN WELCOMED BY SYG WALDHEIM; NOW THE DANES NOTE THAT IN HIS ANNUAL REPORT WALDHEIM HAS COME OUT AGAINST THE DANISH PROPOSAL.

3. IN FACT, BORCH SAID, THE SEMI-ANNUAL SHIFT OF DANISH TROOPS IN THE CYRPUS CONTINGENT TOOK PLACE EARLIER THIS MONTH. THE NEXT SHIFT IS NOT DUE UNTIL NOVEMBER. IN THE INTERVENING PERIOD THE GOVT WILL HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER IT WANTS TO PROCEED WITH GULDBERG'S ANNOUNCED INTENTION OR WHETHER, BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION BY ANDERSEN AND OTHERS, THE PLAN WILL BE CHANGED. HE SAID THAT HE COULD NOT PREDICT HOW IT WOULD COME OUT AS HIS OFFICE HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHAT TO RECOMMEND TO THE MINISTER. CROWE

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